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SUBJECT: SHIPPING: MEXICO-BRAZIL MARITIME AGREEMENT

REF: A-MEXICO 11283 (DEC. 19, 1975), B-MEXICO 9375 (OCT. 23, 1975).

1. NAVIMEX OFFICIALS ADVISE THAT THEIR PROBLEMS WITH GOM CONCERNING MEXICO-BRAZIL SERVICE HAVE BEEN RESOLVED, AT LEAST FOR THE MOMENT. NAVIMEX HAS DROPPED THEIR LEGAL ACTION CONTESTING GOM'S REFUSAL TO DESIGNATE NAVIMEX IN ADDITION TO TRANSPORTACION MARITIMA MEXICANA (TMM) AS MEXICAN FLAG CARRIER AUTHORIZED TO CARRY FREIGHT UNDER TERMS OF MEXICO-BRAZIL MARITIME AGREEMENT. WHILE NAVIMEX WILL REMAIN UNDESIGNATED, GOM SECRETARY OF THE NAVY ADMIRAL LUIS BRAVO CARRERA REPORTEDLY PROMISED (1) NO FURTHER HARRASSMENT OF NAVIMEX; (2) NAVIMEX WOULD BE DESIGNATED IN FUTURE BILATERAL AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES; AND (3) MEXICAN REGISTRATION FOR TWO OF THEIR SHIPS WHICH HAD BEEN PENDING FOR SOME TIME WOULD BE APPROVED.

2. NAVIMEX INTENDS TO CONTINUE PROVIDING SERVICE TO BRZIL BY CHARTERING ITS SHIPS TO NEW COMPANY BEING SET UP AND ENTIRELY OWNED BY MEXICAN BUSSINESMAN MARTIN GARCIA URTIAGA. URTIAGA ALSO OWNS 51 PERCENT OF NAVIMEX

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(JAPAN LINES OWNS 25 PERCENT AND GENERAL STEAMSHIP

CORPORATION OF U.S. OWNS REMAINING 24 PERCENT). IF GOM FAILS TO DESIGNATE NEW COMPANY, CALLED MERCANTE NACIONAL, FOR BRAZIL SERVICE, NAVIMEX MAY CONTINUE ITS OWN SERVICE, BEING RESTRICTED TO TRANSPORTING ITEMS NOT COVERED IN AGREEMENT.

3. NAVIMEX CLAIMS THT ITS TROUBLES STEM FROM HOSTILITY OF GOM PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE JOSE LOPEZ PORTILLO, DATING BACK TO DAYS WHEN HE WAS SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY, AND FROM OPPOSITION BY UNDER SECRETARY OF NAVY RICARDO CHAZARO LARA, WHO REPORTEDLY HAS RECEIVED SPECIAL "FAVORS" FROM NAVIMEX'S COMPETITION TMM.

4. NAVIMEX EXPECTS THAT THE NAVY SECRETARY WILL SHORTLY RESIGN TO ACCEPT NOMINATION FOR STATE GOVERNOR OR SENATOR, AND THAT STRUGGLE IS UNDERWAY BETWEEN CHAZARO AND NAVY SECRETARIAT'S OFFICIAL MAYOR ADMIRAL JOSE LUIS CUBRIA PALMA: TO REPLACE ADMIRAL BRAVO.  
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